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Title: CULTURAL SIMULATION MODEL ...

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO CITE PRIOR APPLICATION FOR PRIORITY CLAIM

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78, it is requested that the above-identified non-provisional U.S. Patent Application be amended as follows, in order to cite a prior U.S. application relied upon for priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title, insert the following paragraph: --This U.S. patent application claims the priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of the prior U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/443,723, filed on January 29, 2003, of the same title, and filed in the name of inventors in common with the present application.--